2	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
3	MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
4	TAMPA DIVISION
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6	STEVE AARON, et al,
7	Plaintiffs, Case No.
	8:09-CV-2493
8	-against-
9	THE TRUMP ORGANIZATION, INC., a New York
	Corporation, and DONALD J. TRUMP, an individual,
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	Defendants.
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14	VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION of the Defendant,
15	THE TRUMP ORGANIZATION, INC., by ERIC TRUMP, taken
16	by the Plaintiffs, held at the offices of Foley &
17	Lardner, 90 Park Avenue, New York, New York, on
18	February 9th, 2011, at 10:26 a.m., before a Notary
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2 3	APPEARANCES:	2	Lardner for the defendants and for the
4	CLARK & MARTINO, PA	3	witness today. The gentleman who does
	Attorneys for Plaintiffs	4	not have a microphone is Mr. Alan
5	3407 W. Kennedy Boulevard		
6	Tampa, Florida 33609	5	Garten. I asked you this
	BY: (NOT PRESENT)	6	MR. GARTEN: Assistant general
7	DATO CUMA COURS & TUDICEL DA	7	counsel.
8	BAJO CUVA COHEN & TURKEL, PA Attorneys for Plaintiffs	8	MR. GRIFFIN: Assistant general
9	100 N. Tampa Street	9	counsel of The Trump Organization.
	Suite 1900	10	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Will the
10	Tampa, Florida 33602	11	court reporter please administer the
12	BY: KENNETH B. TURKEL, ESQ.	12	oath?
1	FOLEY & LARDNER	13	
13	Attorneys for Defendants and The	1	ERIC TRUMP,
14	Witness P.O. Box 3391	14	Having been first duly sworn before a
1	Tampa, Florida 33601	15	Notary Public of the State of New York,
15	DV. GUDICTORYED CREEDY FOO	16	was examined and testified as follows:
16	BY: CHRISTOPHER GRIFFIN, ESQ.	17	EXAMINATION
17	THE TRUMP ORGANIZATION	18	BY MR. TURKEL:
	725 Fifth Avenue	19	Q. Could you please state your full name?
18 19	New York, New York 10022 BY: ALAN G. GARTEN, ESQ.	20	A. Eric Trump.
20	BI. ALAN G. GARTEN, ESQ.	21	*
21	ALSO PRESENT:	1	Q. Mr. Trump, have you ever had your
22	SALLY BROWNE - Videographer	22	deposition taken before?
23 24	Digital Media Productions	23	A. I have.
ł	xxxxx	24	Q. How many times?
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2	Also, I am going to steal the thunder	2	Q. Alan Weissberg is the CFO?	
3	from your lawyer who would probably tell you	3	A. Yes.	
4	if I don't that he may object from	4	Q. My understanding is that he also has	
5	time-to-time. Unless he instructs you not to	5	some construction expertise?	
6	answer, his objection is just to preserve a	6	A. No, he does not.	
7	form objection to a question for the record	7	MR. GRIFFIN: You are confusing	
8	that we will hash out later in the case.	8	him with Mr. Weiss.	
9	Unless he tells you not to answer, go ahead	9	MR. TURKEL: Right.	
10	and answer after he objects; okay?	10	MR. GARTEN: Andy Weiss.	
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	A. Sounds great.	12	MR. TURKEL: My bad. I messed	
12	MR. TURKEL: Chris, did I miss	1	that up.	
13	any	13	Q. How long has Alan Weissberg been the	
14	MR. GRIFFIN: You got it.	14	CFO?	
15	Q. I like kind of taking that last one	15	A. A long time. I don't know number of	
16	from you.	16	years. I wouldn't know exactly.	
17	Where do you currently work?	17	Q. A long time for me may not be a long	
18	A. I work at The Trump Organization.	18	time	
19	Q. What is your title there?	19	A. I don't know when he started. I	
20	A. I am executive vice president.	20	couldn't answer that question.	
21	Q. Executive vice president of what?	21	Q. He predates your employment at the	
22	A. Acquisition and development.	22	company?	
23	Q. Some of these questions I may	23	A. He does.	
24	reference some of the other testimony that I	24	Q. Who else are the other executive vice	
25	have received just to try and coalesce	25	presidents?	
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4	Q. Where did you go to college?	4	Q. When you were in college did you spend	
5	A. I went to Georgetown.	5	summers working for Trump Organization?	
6	Q. When did you graduate?	6	A. Yes and no. I worked with Trump	
7	A. I graduated in 2006.	7	Organization. I worked for other	
8		8	organizations.	
	Q. Did you do any graduate work?			
9	A. I did not.	9	Q. What other organizations did you work	
10	Q. What degree did you get from	10	with?	
11	Georgetown?	11	A. I worked with Houlihan Lokey, a big	
12	A. I got a finance degree.	12	investment bank in New York. I am sure you	
13	Q. It sounds like you came straight to	13	know them. I worked with another firm out of	
14	work for The Trump Organization?	14	DC, Longstreet Partners. Both investment	
15	A. I came straight to work approximately	15	banks.	
16	two months later.	16	Q. Were you considering going into	
17	Q. Within your title of executive vice	17	investment banking instead of real estate at	
18	president of development and acquisition what	18	some point?	
19	do you do; what are your responsibilities?	19	A. I was.	
20	A. Really differs day-to-day. Oversee	20	Q. What made you change your mind?	
21	many of our projects, oversee various	21	A. I thought it was the right move	
22	different business matters. It really	22	right move to come into real estate.	
23	depends on a day-to-day basis.	23		
		24	Q. You have a good family business,	
24	Q. Is there a general range of		right?	
25	responsibilities you handle? For instance,	25	A. I think we have good foundation.	
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1 E. Trump 2 working -- you have a discrete number of 3 projects that you can get familiar with them 4 or can you just show up at work one day and 5 they say Eric, hey, we are going to put you on Chicago for the day? 6 7 It doesn't necessarily work like that. 8 I don't think there is an exact system, but I certainly could work on Chicago for a day, 10 but I think most people have their own projects that they focus on and it is their 11 12 responsibility. 13 Q. That's what I was getting at initially with the question. 14 When you started working in '06, the

15 projects you were initially working on were 16 Capcana and Puerto Rico? 17 Puerto Rico and a host of others, but 18 A.

yes, those were the main ones. 19

20 Q. What were the others?

21 A. I mentioned Las Vegas. I mentioned

22 Chicago.

23 At that time when you started working

24 for Trump Organization in 2006, when you were

involved with the project what exactly would

1 E. Trump 2

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Q. That's a fair answer.

3 Was there someone that you trained 4 under?

5 I think collectively with my brother and sister we all trained together. We have

great teams in the office. We certainly 7

trained under my father. 8

9 Would there have been anybody between

10 you and your father that would have served

sort of as your mentor or training partner 11

for the initial years of your employment at 12

13 Trump Organization?

I think we have some really 14

15 intelligent people in the office. Hopefully

everybody mentors each other. But no, I

17 think my father was probably the one.

18 When you came to work in 2006 and you

started working on Puerto Rico you were 19

20 reporting directly to your father at that

21 point?

22 A. Well, at the end of the day the buck

23 stops there. He is the top of the

24 organization, so I would work on Puerto Rico,

25 I would bring him a deal that I thought was a 17

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3	or not.	3	A. On-the-job?	
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5	just trying to put myself back into the	5	commentary as whether your education at	
6	literal 2006.	6	Georgetown provided you some basis. I assume	
7	A. Sure.	7	you took some classes in real estate at	
8	Q. You're fresh out of Georgetown, you	8	Georgetown?	
9	show up at The Trump Organization, you jump	9	A. Of course.	ŧ
10	in your executive vice president office and	10	Q. Why didn't you go to Penn?	
11	there are assignments on your desk or do you	11	A. My father asked me that all the time.	
12	go in and talk to your dad and he says	12	I didn't want to, actually.	
13	listen, Eric, I am going to get you involved	13	Q. Did he go to Penn?	
14	in Puerto Rico and Capcana?	14	A. He went to Penn. He went to Penn.	
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17	you involved in these projects, can you help	17	transferred to Penn.	
18	me on them. Then I think vice versa, I have	18	Q. That's even worse.	
19	a great project that could be good for the	19	A. I followed her, then I liked it so	
20	company. What do you think about this? I	20	much I decided to stay.	
21	think it kind of worked both ways. Again,	21	Q. You should have down something even	
22	there is no formal system. It just flowed.	22	crazier, just go to like Princeton or some	
23	Q. Who else was working on Puerto Rico	23	other Ivy, that would have been more fun.	
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25	A. Attorneys. Meaning it was myself and	25	MR. TURKEL: It seemed like	
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Q. I understand the deal part. In other
words, I understand the facet of this in
which you can go sit down with your father,
go through deal points and get his advice.

What I am talking about more is the
day-to-day functionality of a project. In
other words, did you have anybody you would
discuss issues, such as construction,
retention of your general contractor,
architects, those functional day-to-day
issues, or were you doing that alone?

16 A. We didn't take on those roles in the

17 case of Puerto Rico.

18 Q. Was that a license deal?

19 A. It was a license deal.

20 Q. When you take a license deal on it is

21 my understanding there are certain

22 supervisory and other review responsibilities

23 that the company must engage in, correct?

24 A. Absolutely. That was part of our

25 teams. And we reviewed and I reviewed all

E. Trump

2 Q. You are familiar with what a business

3 chart is?

4 A. I am.

5 Q. As I am asking these questions I am

6 trying to visualize in my head how that chart

7 would look. For lack of a better

8 description, your father is at the very top,

9 there is a row underneath him of executive

10 VPs, then underneath that is everybody else?

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. Do you have any involvement with the

13 Trump brand marketing or deals on the product

14 licensing side?

15 A. Very little.

16 Q. From what I understand that is

17 virtually your father and the marketing

18 department?

19 A. That's correct.

20 Q. Is there any specific reason why you

21 or your brother -- again, don't take this as

22 critical, it seems like you're carved out of

23 that business.

Is that something your father just

25 runs with?

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Can I assume, so I don't have to go back through the entire corporate chart, that

7 your reporting and supervisory

8 responsibilities would be identical to

9 Donald, Jr.?

10 A. It depends on what Donald, Jr.'s is.

11 But yes, I would assume so.

12 Q. To sum it up without having to extract

13 all of the testimony from you as I did from

14 him, his version of it was vertically he

reports to your father and that there are any number of people that are underneath him on

17 the organizational chart with some people

that are also executive VPs being lateral.

19 A. That's correct. That's accurate.

20 Q. Can I assume, it may be an easy way to

21 answer the question, if someone is not

22 lateral to you, if they are not an executive

23 VP then they are subordinate to you on the

24 vertical chart?

25 A. That's correct.

1 E. Trump

A. I don't think there is any reason. I

3 think our history has always shown us as

4 being -- having great projects or working on

5 great projects. I think that's probably what

6 we gravitated to, as opposed to the product

7 licensing stuff which isn't what we

8 traditionally had done as a family.

9 O. When did Puerto Rico start? When did

10 that deal begin?

11 A. It would be probably the middle of

12 2007. I would have to go back and check the

13 exact date. Somewhere around middle to late

14 2007.

15 Q. We had reviewed a number of projects

16 with your dad. I don't remember reviewing

17 that one.

Puerto Rico was a license deal, right?

19 A. It was.

20 Q. When we say it is a license deal, that

21 means there is a license agreement entered

22 into between Donald Trump and whoever your

23 development entity is over there, right?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. Do you have any knowledge that any

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1	E. Trump	1	E. Trump	
2	license deals have ever been signed by	2	answer.	
3	anybody other than your father in his	3	MR. TURKEL: Let me rephrase	
4	individual capacity?	4	it.	
5	A. No, I wouldn't know. You would have	5	Q. When I say "structured" I mean how	
6	to ask, really, the lawyers.	6	were the payments structured?	
7	Q. Do you understand that distinction?	7	A. The payments were structured. We got	
8		8		
	In other words, your father signing as CEO		paid off of a percentage of gross sales	
9	and president of The Trump Organization	9	similar to a broker with certain hurdles.	
10	versus signing as Donald Trump individually.	10	Q. Were the gross sales percentages tied	,
11	A. I understand the distinction.	11	to a threshold level of profit?	
12	Q. You've got a finance degree,	12	A. They were not tied to a level of	
13	therefore, if I talked to you about various	13	profit, no.	
14	business forms and the difference between an	14	Q. It was just a straight percentage of	
15	LLC and a corporation and a joint venture, do	15	gross sales?	
16	you understand those concepts?	16	A. That's correct.	:
17	A. Yes. For the most part I think I	17	Q. Was there any flat fee component to	
18	would want the lawyers to speak about it. It	18	your license fee in Puerto Rico?	:
19	is really their field and not mine.	19	A. There is a flat fee.	
20	Q. I may ask you some questions today	20	Q. Was it a one-time or was it annual?	:
21	that ask for your understanding of certain	21	A. No. It was a one-time fee.	
22	of some of those concepts. When I do so I	22	Q. Did you invest, "you" being The Trump	
23	understand that the lawyers may know more,	23	Organization, any capital into the Puerto	
24	but if you do have any basic knowledge about	24	Rico deal?	
25	those, I am going to want you to discuss	25	A. We did not.	
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18 Organization, was not a party to the license 19 agreement, correct?

20 A. I don't understand the question.

- 21 In the Puerto Rico deal was The Trump
- 22 Organization a party to the license
- agreement? 23
- 24 A. It was not.
- 25 Q. What responsibilities did The Trump

- because it is only licensing, builds 18
- something that would comport with the 19
- 20 standards that you expect in products bearing
- the Trump name; is that right? 21
- 22 Absolutely, yes, that's right. A.
- 23 That's why you retain all of these Q.
- 24 functional design and other supervisory
- functions, right?

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36 E. Trump 1 E. Trump 2 Á. Of course. 2 A. That's right. 3 With respect to Puerto Rico, did you 3 Again, it may change Q. Q. project-to-project who was on the team and 4 review any designs? 4 Of course. 5 their exact day-to-day interface with the 5 6 Did you approve them? 6 licensee, but as a standard business practice Q. 7 7 that occurs in your licensing deals, right? A. We did. 8 Ο. In your history at The Trump 8 A. Yes. Organization have you ever reviewed design 9 9 Q. Who generally does that aspect -plans that you rejected? 10 10 strike that. Well, oftentimes it is not as simple Who generally handles the marketing 11 11 as just approve or reject. Normally we have review and promotional materials review? 12 12 We have a marketing department. our teams and they are working with people on 13 a continuous basis. And it depends -- it Is that Jill Cremer's department? 14 14 Q. differs from project-to-project so that by It was Jill Cremer's department. 15 15 Α. the time that that plan is in its final 16 16 Q. Is she gone? stages, of course it is something that you Jill Cremer is no longer with the 17 17 are going to review. 18 18 company. Most of the time it doesn't get to the 19 Q. Whenever they say that about somebody 19 20 point where a plan comes in, you just say it 20 it sounds so morbid, right? Russ Flicker is is rejected. You have the meetings, and no longer with the company. 21 21 again, it is a process that builds upon 22 I am sorry, I tend to see the lighter 22 layers and layers and meetings and meetings. 23 side of these things sometimes. 23 24 That's fair. I didn't mean to imply 24 How long ago did she leave? I know. Q. 25 there is a bright line, either reject or 25 Please just refresh my memory. I am not 37 35 E. Trump 1 E. Trump 1 trying to give you a hard time about it. 2 accept. 3 I think better stated both in Puerto 3 My guess would be somewhere around two years ago, two and a half years ago. Rico and every other project you have been 4 4 5 involved with there is a team involved that 5 Q. Do we know where she is at now? "We" is interfacing with your development licensee 6 being you, me and everybody here. 6 7 to ensure that the product comports with 7 A. I actually don't. Maybe one of you 8 Trump standards? 8 do. 9 9 A. Absolutely. MR. GARTEN: I know. Did you review or do you review as a 10 Q. 10 Who else would be in her department standard practice promotional marketing that would participate in the review of 11 11 materials sent out by your development marketing and promotional materials? Would 12 12 licensee? 13 have been. 13 14 A. We have people who do. 14 A. Today? 15 That wouldn't come within your 15 Q. Who would have been in that Q. specific role? 16 department, let's say '06 forward, in your 16 To a certain extent, yes. But I think 17 history? 17 we -- again, sitting at the top of the No one that I can think of. 18 18 A. pyramid you have people who are mainly 19 Q. Who is in there now? 19 20 responsible for those elements and they bring 20 A. We have Selma Langer. final product to you for your review and That's it, one person? 21 21 O. One person. She has a couple of approval. 22 22 23 Those people would be part of, in a 23 marketing assistants that help her. general sense, whatever team is allocated to Did Jill have people that worked with 24 24 Q. that specific project, right? 25 her?

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₹ 2	A. Quite frankly, I don't really	2	we probably didn't do. I am not sure, to	
<i>)</i> 3	remember.	3	tell you the truth. I would have to go back	
4	Q. What is Selma Langer's title?	4	and literally look through every single deal.	
5	A. She is vice president of marketing.	5	Q. What kind of deal was Vegas?	
6	Q. That was Jill's title, too, as I	6	A. Vegas was an ownership deal.	
7	recall, right?	1 7	Q. When you say "an ownership deal" what	
8	A. I don't recall. I could check for	8	do you mean?	
9	you.	9	A. We are the developer of that project	
10	Q. What is the ultimate name of the	10	and we own it in a partnership with one other	
11	Puerto Rico project? What was it called?	11	individual.	
12	A. Trump International Golf Club, Puerto	12	Q. Who is the other individual?	
13	Rico.	13	A. Phil Ruffin.	
14	Q. When did the Capcana project start?	14	Q. How much is Vegas done? Is it	
15	A. In that same general timeline, late	15	finished?	
16	2007, mid-2007.	16		
		1	A. Vegas is finished.	
17	Q. License deal or joint venture; what	17	Q. Was it or is it a successful project?	
18	kind of deal was it?	18	A. I believe it is successful, yes.	
19	A. That was also a license deal.	19	Q. Have you guys seen a return on your	
20	Q. Any distinctions as compared to the	20	capital investment?	
21	Puerto Rico deal?	21	A. No, not yet.	
22	A. There are always distinctions between	22	Q. Does it project to have a positive	
23	these projects. They are very different.	23	return on the investment?	
24	Q. In what respect?	24	A. I certainly hope so. I certainly hope	
25	A. For one thing, Puerto Rico was pure	25	so. Vegas was built at roughly the same time	
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3	Q. A well-struck pitching wedge or a 3	3	of it did you work on?	
4	iron on the ground?	4	A. A lot of construction, sales and	
5	A. Yes.	5	marketing. The ramp up of the hotel and a	
		l .		
6	Q. If it is that close I would probably	6	lot of other elements.	
7	putt it.	7	Q. What was the time frame for Vegas?	
8	Just out of curiosity, why is there no	8	A. Opening?	
9	casino there?	9	Q. Yes.	
10	A. We	10	A. March 2008.	
11	Q. I ask that just	11	Q. What point in time did you become	
12	A. Sure.	12	involved with Trump Tower Tampa?	
		,		
13	Q because your dad has been in the	13	A. I was never involved with Trump Tower	
14	casino business before. It seems to me if	14	Tampa.	
15	you are going to build a hotel off the strip	15	Q. Ever?	
16	you are going to put a casino there.	16	A. No. I know very little about the	4
17	A. We have our gaming licenses. Casino	17	project.	
18	is something we know very well. We decided	18	Q. That will certainly shorten things.	
19	to do a very high end concept white glove	19	I am going to go through some e-mails	
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20	service where people wouldn't hear the	1	that you were copied on just to figure out	
21	ding-ding of slot machines. We wanted	21	why you were copied on them.	
22	to do something a little different. There	22	Did you do any work on Trump Tower	
23	are plenty of casinos there and it has worked	23	Toronto?	
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25	Q. You didn't put like a crystal baccarat	25	Tower Toronto.	
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3	Associates prepared this study, then?		3	times.	
4.	A. Truthfully, I don't know.		4	Q. What projects have you seen the	
5	Q. Is this a PowerPoint; is that what		5	disclaimer used in?	
6	this is?		6	A. I couldn't recall all of them off the	
1			7		
7	A. It could potentially be. I can't tell		/	top of my head. I know we used that	
8	by this. It looks like it is in PowerPoint		8	disclaimer as general practice.	
9	format, but I am not sure.		9	Q. What format do you generally deliver	
10	Q. Do you recall attending any		10	that disclaimer? In other words, for Toronto	
11	presentation by Linneman Associates?		11	it was delivered on a website, published on a	
12	A. I do not, no.		12	website, right? Right?	
13	Q. Where that question is coming from,		13	A. I would assume it would be on quite a	*
14	this appears to be a printout of a		14	few of our websites.	
15	PowerPoint. If it was, I would have assumed		15	Q. What is the purpose of the Trump	
1			16	International Hotel and Tower website for	
16	they would have came to make a formal				
17	presentation.		17	Toronto?	
18	A. No, I was never part of a presentation		18	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the	
19	about this study.		19	form of the question. Go ahead.	
20	Q. What is your understanding about why		20	MR. TURKEL: Was it wrong the	
21	this study was done?		21	way I said Trump International Tower	
22	A. I really, quite frankly, don't have		22	website?	
23	one. I know Linneman, I believe, was a		23	MR. GRIFFIN: No. I think the	
24	professor at Wharton. I know there is a lot		24	question is overbroad.	
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3	for Trump projects?	3	within The Trump Organization?	
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4	A. Yes. I think it is standard practice	4	A. Generally either our IT department or	_
5	to put a disclaimer on our various marketing	5	the marketing department or some combination	Ì
6	materials, namely websites.	6	of the two.	
7	Q. Do you do websites like Toronto for a	7	Q. Do you know as you sit here today	,
8	lot of your projects?	8	whether the Trump International Hotel and	
9	A. We do.	9	Tower Toronto website was done by the	
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10	Q. What kind of deal was Toronto?	10	licensee or by The Trump Organization?	
11	A. Toronto was a license deal.	11	A. I don't. I would I believe the	
12	Q. How was the payment structured on it?	12	initial websites for the actual building were	
13	A. I don't remember. I wasn't involved	13	done by the licensee. I believe the hotel	
14	in the actual structuring of that job.	14	website, obviously given the backbone that	
15	Q. As you sit here today can you tell me	15	has to come with that, the reservations were	
16	what other license deal that you know of at	16	done with us by us.	Ì
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17	Trump Organization that had a website like	17	Q. Do you manage the online reservation	
18	Toronto and used a disclaimer like Toronto?	18	through the hotels?	
19	A. Truthfully, I would be guessing if I	19	A. Yes, through a complex formula we do.	
20	could go through my mind of every single	20	Meaning they are backbone companies that help	
21	website that we have that has disclaimers. I	21	manage it, where they interface that.	
22	imagine Puerto Rico did. I would imagine	22	Q. The main IT function may not be	- 1
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1	various other projects. I would imagine	1	on-site at Trump Organization, but you	ı
24	Hawaii probably did.	24	interface with some company you may have	
25	I think those are probably the ones	25	subbed that work out to?	
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58 60 E. Trump 1 E. Trump 1 2 2 Just to take that a step further, for direct. 3 MR. GARTEN: Anymore questions 3 instance, if there had been an article that 4 came out during the Tampa project regarding 4 about this e-mail? 5 5 Q. I guess for my perspective as an this lawsuit or other issues with the attorney in this case and looking at the 6 6 project, you wouldn't be blindsided by it various documents, the only question I would 7 because you would have seen correspondence 7 ask is as you sit here today, why would you 8 8 and so forth. 9 9 have been copied on this if your reaction is Is that, perhaps, one of the reasons 10 it means nothing to you? 10 you would get copied on this and any other I think I was getting ramped up at The 11 11 project? Trump Organization at the time. I think 12 12 A. I don't know if it is necessarily for people wanted to get me acclimated in 13 13 a lawsuit. I don't think I said that. different projects and Jill obviously worked Q. I will give you an exclusive example. 14 15 for us. I think she cc'd -- it looks like 15 Not to cut you off, an article about anything she cc'd all of the Trumps on this, as well with the project. 16 16 I don't think it is any different than as our attorneys. So, that's my guess. 17 17 18 I don't remember this e-mail. I don't 18 you working at a potential law firm and know who the people are that this e-mail is wanting to know the big cases that are 19 19 20 referencing. I don't even know who they are. 20 happening at that law firm. I think That would be my guess. 21 21 everybody wants to be in the loop on what is 22 Would it be common -- don't take this 22 happening in their organization. That's question the wrong way, but something you 23 likely why I was copied on this. 23 24 said makes me want to ask this question. 24 In reviewing the documents in this 25 After you joined the organization, all 25 case your father was copied on very few of 59 61 E. Trump 1 E. Trump 1 three of the children, the Trump children 2 2 them. were working there, right? 3 3 Why would that be? Well, my father, quite frankly -- my 4 A. Sure. 4 5 Is that right? 5 father doesn't use e-mail. Q. 6 6 A. Yes, it was. Q. At all? Would it have been common for all 7 7 A. If you can believe it. Q. three of you to be copied on e-mails 8 No, I believe it. 8 Q. 9 regarding current projects for the reason you 9 He is the other generation where, you stated, just to acclimate you to what is know, he doesn't really believe in them. 10 10 going on in the business? 11 Which in today's world begs the next 11 question, which would be this: How would A. I think you have to understand the 12 12 either you, Ivanka, Don, Jr., Bernie Diamond family. We are questioned by reporters on 13 almost a daily basis. We are always going 14 or anybody at The Trump Org generally keep around the world. It is important for us to 15 15 your father posted about the status of a understand the basics of each of the projects project if he is not copied on the day-to-day 16 16 and, therefore, we try and cc each other, 17 e-mail correspondence? 17 meaning Don, Ivanka and I, as much as we can 18 18 We would walk in his office, sit down so everybody stays within the loop. 19 with him and we would discuss it. He has a 19 It is a very important part of our 20 very uncanny ability to pick up on things 20 business, especially being that, you know --21 very quickly and we would discuss the salient 21 22 maybe you use the word mom and pop. We 22 points with him. really are. That's how we act. We are a 23 23 Q. With respect to Trump Tower Tampa who 24 family-run business and so I think this was 24 would have had those discussions Don, Jr.? common practice between the three of us. 25 A. I imagine it would have been Don, Jr.,

64 62 E. Trump - 1 E. Trump 1 2 Russ. Really those two. 2 I am going to ask the questions and if O. your answer to every one of them is I had As between Don, Jr. and Russ, who had more knowledge regarding the Tampa project? very little to do with Tampa, I understand 4 5 MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the 5 that. 6 form of the question. 6 From my perspective when I see you show up on a document, I need to know if you 7 Q. I am just asking for your perspective 7 had any actual involvement. 8 on that. 8 Absolutely. And if any of these do 9 9 A. I had very, very, very little 10 involvement, if any, in this project. I 10 spark a recollection I will absolutely fill really don't know the hierarchal command who vou in on whatever I know. 11 11 12 ran the project, who handled the day-to-day. 12 Did your brother ever talk to you about Trump Tower Tampa? It is certainly a question worth asking Don. 13 13 I have already asked him. I wanted to 14 14 Very, very little. Again, as I just mentioned, I know very little about the see if your testimony comported with his. 15 15 For what it is worth, I think he said Russ project in general. It was consummated 16 16 17 had more to do with it. 17 before I ever came to The Trump Organization and I never worked on the project. I think I 18 Do you have any general understanding 18 of what happened with respect to Trump Tower was cc'd on very few e-mails and I don't know 19 19 a whole lot about it in general. 20 Tampa? 20 Very little. 21 Do you have any recollection of 21 A. 22 Q. Tell me what little you understand. 22 whatever conversations you had with your It was a deal that we had that didn't brother, albeit brief? 23 23 Α. move forward. I believe the developer of the I really don't. 24 24 A. project went bankrupt. That's generally my What about Ivanka? 25 25 O. 63 65 E. Trump 1 E. Trump 1 understanding of this project. 2 2 A. Very few. 3 Did you ever have any discussions with 3 What was Ivanka's role in Tampa; do Q. Q. 4 your brother about the project? you know? 5 A. Very few. 5 She played a very small role, if any role, in Tampa. I don't remember ever having 6 MR. TURKEL: We are going to 6 7 a conversation with Ivanka about this mark this 10. 8 (Whereupon a March 23, 2007 8 project. e-mail was marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 9 9 What role do you understand her having Q. 10 10 for identification as of this 10 played? With Ivanka? 11 date.) 11 A. I am showing you Exhibit 10, which is 12 O. Yes. 12 a March 23, 2007 e-mail from Bernie Diamond 13 13 A. Probably the exact same role as mine. to Robert Moreyra, and you are copied on Maybe being cc'd on a few e-mails for 14 14 informational purposes, but I don't think she 15 this. 15 16 Do you recall receiving it? was ever part of any negotiation, any kind of 16 deal. The initial structure, to my 17 A. I don't, I don't. We received so many 17 18 of these e-mails. Obviously, I did. But 18 knowledge, she was not involved really in much in Tampa. It is obviously a better 19 again, given that Trump Tower Tampa wasn't 19 20 one of my projects, this isn't something I 20 question for her. I don't want to answer for

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I obviously intend to ask her that. I

guess I am asking you -- what I am trying to

get is your perspective inside the company of

what one of your co-executive vice presidents

66 68 1 E. Trump 1 E. Trump as opposed to a joint venture, a formal legal 2 of development and acquisitions is doing. 2 3 When you tell me she played a small 3 partnership, an LLC or any other type of role, I want to try to find out what role you 4 business form? 4 5 think she played. 5 I have no idea. It was the decision, I think it is a small, if any, role. 6 6 obviously, that was made at the time. But 7 I don't -- again, I can't remember a single 7 no, I don't know the reasoning. 8 conversation with her about this project. We 8 Do you draw a distinction between 9 ġ speak about our projects on a daily basis. using the term partner in a common sense We all know what is going on with each 10 10 vernacular and using it to refer to a legal other's projects and I don't remember ever 11 11 entity? having a conversation with her about it. 12 12 A. Absolutely. I think there are a lot 13 That's what prompted my question about of different definitions of partner. I think 13 14 discussions with your brother Donald. I there is probably a religious definition of 14 would assume you and your brother and sister, 15 partner. There is a casual definition of 15 16 from the way you answered questions, do have partner. There is probably a legal 16 sort of informal conversations about various 17 17 definition of partner, which you guys could projects, particularly given how you said speak to much better than I could. 18 18 that you run the company. 19 19 Partners, you have a general 20 Against that background, you don't relationship with somebody, potentially you 20 21 recall any conversations with your brother work with them. I think conversationally, 21 22 Donald, Jr. either? 22 yes, I think I would make that distinction. 23 Very few. Again, I think it might 23 That being said, as a finance major at 24 have predated Don. I don't remember the 24 a very respected university you understand -exact timeline for this. I am guessing. I 25 25 whether you understand it as well as the 67 69 1 E. Trump 1 E. Trump 2 think maybe it was Russ. Maybe it was Don. 2 lawyers is a different matter, you understand 3 Again, I am not exactly sure of the exact 3 generally what a legal partnership is? order of that, but I had very few 4 Generally, I didn't go to law school. 4 conversations with Don about this project. 5 5 If you ask me to define legal partner, I 6 The general timeline, you are correct, would not be able to do so for you. Yes, 7 the license could have predated your hire. 7 generally, I guess, a legal definition versus 8 The project was still being dealt with in one kind of the every day definition I can 9 form or another when you got there in '06, 9 certainly grasp. but I don't want to give you the illusion 10 10 Q. Grasp, there is a distinction, right? that it was signed after you were there, 11 A. Yes, that there is a distinction, 11 because I believe you are correct. probably. 12 12 No. Particularly a person brings a 13 13 Going back to be Tampa, do you have 14 project all the way in our company, no 14 any idea why that was done as a license different from Puerto Rico or Capcana, 15 agreement? 15 somebody gets in at inception, they Again, I mentioned I don't. It was 16 16 A. understand all the moving pieces to a project 17 purely based on the times and the decision 17 and they stay with that project until that was made then. I am sure Don could have 18 18 completion, quite frankly, in perpetuity, and 19 19 answered that or somebody could.

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Q. Let's use another project.

Again, I think it was the

Why was Toronto done as a license

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of things that go into these projects, they

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that's generally how it works.

And so I don't know if that was the

Do you have any idea of why the Trump

Tower Tampa was done as a license agreement

case with Don here or not. Again, for that

reason I simply wasn't really involved.

70 72 E. Trump 1 1 E. Trump 2 are not cookie cutter, they are not just a 2 decision. I don't think there is anything in basic mold. the world that risk doesn't factor into in Toronto is obviously in Canada and some way. I think it is probably much more 4 4 5 there was a very competent developer there. 5 the situation that we had in the company at 6 That developer wanted the name, wanted the 6 the time, who we are dealing with. There is brand. And, you know, it depends. It 7 7 a lot of different factors that go into it. depends on your financial condition as a 8 8 Do you know whether The Trump company at that point. It depends on who the 9 9 Organization ever did a disclaimer like the 10 partners are. It depends on the project 10 Toronto disclaimer to the potential purchasers in the Tampa project? itself, where that project is located, the 11 11 12 backing that project has. It depends on a 12 A. I have no idea. lot of different factors, so I wouldn't be 13 13 MR. TURKEL: Chris, I think 14 able to go back and say I knew exactly why it 14 that's 45. It is the lawsuit e-mail. Is that your e-mail, the March 7? 15 was done in Toronto. It is the way it 15 16 happened based on a magnitude of different 16 MR. GRIFFIN: Yes. For your factors. 17 information, Mr. Trump, the redacted 17 parts of that are what we did to 18 O. Why was Vegas done -- you referred to 18 19 it as a partnership. I think it may have 19 preserve attorney-client privileged 20 been a joint venture, I have not seen the 20 information before it was produced to documents. the other side. 21 21 22 A. Yes. 22 THE WITNESS: Sure. Okay. 23 Q. It was done with some equity 23 Take a look at -- is it 45? O. 24 participation? 24 MR. GRIFFIN: Yes. 25 A. Sure. 25 O: Let me know if you recognize that E. Trump 1

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our partner in the deal, he -- whether it be

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- a joint venture or not, you could ask Alan,
- 6 he had a piece of land, we had the name and
- 7 we came in, we built the project. He
- 8 contributed the land. We went 50/50 with
- 9 everything else. That's just the way the
- 10 deal was structured at that time.

I think my father had a long-time relationship with Phil. He knew him very well. We really believed in that location and it just made sense at that time. We had the money to do it and it's the structure 15 that we chose.

17 Again, there is not an exact science 18 to these. It is kind of how the conversations worked out based on location 19 20 and 100other factors.

- I understand there is a risk component 21 Q.
- 22 that's assessed, also, right?
- 23 I am sure, yes. I'm sure risk factors
- into it to a certain extent. I don't know. 24
- Again, I wasn't there when we made the 25

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- 2 document.
- 3 I've got it. A.
- Do you recognize that document? 4 Q.
- I obviously got sent it. Quite 5 A.
- frankly, I don't remember it. It seems like 6
- 7 it was a long time ago, but I am sure I
- received it.
- 9 Why would you have been -- there is
- obviously an attorney-client component to 10
- this document, but given that, with 11
- respect -- I am sorry, my contact got knocked 12
- 13 out a little bit.
- Take your time. 14 A.
- With respect to the component of this 15
- e-mail, 45, I believe some of you -- I 16
- believe each of you had something to do with 17
- 18 the project and likely have documents that
- must be disclosed. 19
- 20 Did you have any documents that were
- 21 disclosed?
- 22 Did I have any documents? I don't
- remember any documents for this project. 23
- Again, I had very little involvement. I 24
- think if you look up at the "to" line it 25

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76 74 1 E. Trump 1 E. Trump 2 seems like all of the executive vice 2 It is his agreement. It is his trademarks 3 presidents were copied on this e-mail, which 3 that these agreements fall under, yes. doesn't seem a coincidence, other than Do you know whether money gets paid to 4 4 5 obviously Jill and Bernie, who worked on the 5 The Trump Organization when licensing fees 6 6 are paid in any licensing deal? periphery. 7 But to have Alan, Don, Ivanka and 7 I don't understand the question. You may not know the answer. By the 8 myself on there, it makes sense given the 8 O. organizational structure that we discussed way, don't think I don't understand or 9 9 appreciate you deferring to the lawyers on before. It also mentioned, obviously, 10 10 informing us of potential litigation, which I 11 11 this. think this one does. It doesn't surprise me 12 12 A. I want to be accurate for you. I 13 that I would be cc'd on this e-mail. don't want to be speaking in layman's terms 13 14 There is a portion of this that asks 14 that could get misconstrued. 15 for a brief description of your involvement. 15 Q. I get that. That was redacted out as an attorney-client What I would like you to do is if you 16 16 have an understanding that is a layman's 17 communication. 17 understanding, say I believe the lawyers will 18 I guess what I can ask that may not 18 know more, here is what I understand, if you encroach on this privilege is this: You have 19 19 told me on numerous times today in response 20 have an understanding. That way I can 20 distinguish between what you are deferring to 21 to questions you had little or no 21 the lawyers and what you may actually know, 22 involvement. 22 23 because that's really all I am asking for. Sure. 23 A. 24 Is there anything about your 24 No problem at all. Q. A. I don't want you to go outside of your 25 involvement that you have not told me about 25 Q. 75 77 E. Trump E. Trump 1 1 today as it relates to Trump Tower Tampa? comfort zone and give me a legal opinion. 2 A. Absolutely not. I am sure the exact 3 But if there is some understanding you have 3 4 thing I responded to this e-mail, if I even 4 that's factual I want to know that. did, was that I would have no documents, and 5 I think I just did that. That's 5 I really have no knowledge of anything going 6 really my understanding. 7 Where the questions are coming from 7 on. So, no. In terms of anything redacted, O. 8 about payment is this: For instance, in the 8 no, that's not the case. O. A couple of follow-up questions, then 9 Tampa case it is the only licensing agreement 9 I think we will be done. 10 I have actually seen. 10 A. Sure. 11 A. Sure. 11 Q. When The Trump Organization does a 12 I have asked a number of questions 12 Q. 13 license agreement, the actual licensor, based about other licensing deals. I have no 13 on everything I have learned to date in this reason to believe, based on the answers, that 14 case, is your dad individually because he 15 your dad individually is not the licensor in 15 all of these other licensing agreements. owns the trade name and service mark and 16 16 Taking that as a background, my 17 trademarks. 17 18 assumption would be this: Because he is the 18 Is that consistent with your licensor, Donald J. Trump individually, when 19 19 understanding? I would want you to actually speak to the licensee pays they are paying Donald J. 20 20 21 lawyers about that, on the actual person who 21 Trump individually, not the Donald Trump 22 owns it, whether it be an entity or not. 22 Organization. Listen, if he sits at the top of an 23 Really, that's an accounting question. 23 24 organization we all report to him, so 24 I am sure we could find out the answer for

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you. I don't know exactly where that money

presumably he's the boss in our organization.

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/3	being distributed in a company. That's not	3	MR. GRIFFIN: We have no	
4	my day-to-day. That's really an accounting	4	questions and we will read and sign,	
5	function and if I could answer that question,	5	if it is transcribed.	
6	I would, but I just don't know, to tell you	6	MR. TURKEL: Are you waiving	
7	the truth.	7	the instruction?	
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8	Q. Who would know that? Who would be the	8	MR. GRIFFIN: Yes.	
9	person to talk to?	9	MR. TURKEL: You are done.	
10	A. Probably our CFO.	10	THE WITNESS: I appreciate it.	
11	Q. That is Alan Weissberg?	11	Thank you very much. Thank you. I	
12	A. Alan Weissberg.	12	appreciate your time.	
13	Q. Equally, just to tie up the general	13	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: It is 11:39	
14	operations of the company, all of the duties	14	a.m. on February 9th, 2007. This	
15	you have described that The Trump	15	completes the videotaped deposition of	
16	Organization provides in a licensing	16	Mr. Eric Trump.	
17	agreement, the review of plans, input into	17	(Time noted: 11:39 a.m.)	
18	marketing promotional materials, we have	18	(Time noted: 11.35 a.m.)	
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19	spoken about a number of different duties.	1	EDIC TRIB (D	
20	A. Yes.	20	ERIC TRUMP	
21	Q. Your father sits at the top of all of	21	Subscribed and sworn to before	
22	those decisions, correct?	22	me this day of , 2011.	
23	A. Absolutely.	23		
24	Q. Eventually whatever recommendation is	24	Notary Public	
25	made by an operational executive vice	25		
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